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CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE HUNTING PROGRAM: PUBLIC INFORMATION AND INPUT MEETINGS FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT ANNOUNCED

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the hunting program at Cape Cod National Seashore is now available for public review and comment. The DEIS describes and analyzes the environmental impacts of three alternative approaches for managing hunting at the Seashore. These alternatives include a no action alternative that would continue the previous hunting program and the pheasant stocking program, an alternative that would eliminate the hunting program, and a preferred alternative that would modify the current hunting program. These modifications were derived from the input received during public scoping, and would retain hunting as part of Cape Cod's cultural heritage while addressing concerns raised by non-hunting visitors. Said Superintendent George Price "The input we received during the scoping phase was very helpful in constructing and evaluating these alternatives. We hope the community will help us again by taking a good look at this draft document and giving us solid substantive comments."

The National Park Service has been accepting public comments on the DEIS and will continue to accept comments through June 19, 2006. The public comment period began on April 14, 2006 beginning the 60 day comment period in compliance with the publication of the Environmental Protection Agency's Notice of Availability in the *Federal Register*.

Public information and input meetings are scheduled for:

7:00 pm, Thursday, June 8, 2006, at the Salt Pond Visitor Center in Eastham, Massachusetts

9:00 am, Saturday, June 10, 2006, at the Province Lands Visitor Center in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

The DEIS may be viewed online at <http://www.nps.gov/caco> under the "management docs" link on the homepage. The DEIS will be available in hard copy at outer cape libraries and Marconi Headquarters for onsite review. Comments may be submitted by mail to the address below, or by e-mail to CACO_Hunt_EIS@nps.gov (please note the underscore between words).

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